

**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2001**

KCASAAB Members Present: Joan Clement, Nancy Code, Jim Harbaugh, Joyce Proudlock, Bob Seidensticker

KCASAAB Members Excused: Linda Brown (awaiting Council confirmation), Yasmin Smith, Keith Williams

Staff Attending: Walt Adam, Cindy Bergh, Sherry Hamilton, Geoff Miller, Rhoda Naguit

Guests Present: Gloria Albetta, Evergreen Treatment Services; Harvey Funai, State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Gerry Coughlin, Alcohol-Drug Helpline; Pat Knox, Recovery Centers of King County, Al Sweeten, Seattle Indian Health Board

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The regular meeting of the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (KCASAAB) was convened at the Conference Room of the Dutch Shisler Sobering Center, 1930 Boren Avenue in Seattle. Chair Jim Harbaugh called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m., followed by introductions of all members and guests.

I. MINUTES

Joan made a motion and seconded by Joyce to approve the March 8, 2001 joint board meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was passed and the minutes of March 8, 2001 were approved unanimously.

II. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Board Membership

Vicki James has sent a letter of resignation effective immediately.

Nancy Code expressed willingness to be re-appointed to the board. Joyce made a motion, which was seconded by Bob to re-appoint Nancy for another 3-year term as board member. The motion was passed and approved unanimously.

B. Legislative Advocacy Update

Copies of Board Chair Harbaugh's letter to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer's Editor were distributed.

Chair Harbaugh said that he received compliments from several friends and colleagues for a well thought out letter in support of mental health funding. It was published in the Editorial section of the newspaper on March 30, 2001.

Other handouts included a "thank you" letter sent to the legislators that Chair Harbaugh and Mental Health Board Chair Willair St. Vil met with on Human Services Day in Olympia, as well as a letter urging for mental health funding sent to all King County legislators, and to all King County agencies that participated in that event in Olympia. A one-page document on how to get involved in support of mental health funding was also distributed.

Sherry shared a brief update on legislative issues. Good news! ESSB 5051 has passed both the Senate and the House and is on its way to the Governor for signature. This is the bill that adds into the CD Involuntary Commitment law the words "gravely disabled." A copy of the article entitled "Bill on treating addict advances" was passed around.

The board discussed whether or not to send a letter to Governor Locke supporting the signing of ESSB 5051. Jim moved and seconded by Joyce to write a letter urging Governor Gary Locke to sign ESSB 5051 into law, and a "thank you" note to Senator Julie Patterson for her support. The motion was passed and approved unanimously.

The "Ticket to Work" bill appears to have died but the budget may bring it back to life. The Parity bill died in House Appropriations. The Ombuds bill also died in House Appropriations. Both versions of the JLARC passed.

C. Board Liaison's Report

Jim was unable to attend the last meeting of the Mental Health Advisory Board due to his evening teaching schedule this spring. Sherry gave a brief summary of the mental health board agenda.

Joan gave a brief report of what transpired at the meeting of System Integration Advisory Council last April 11<sup>th</sup>. SIAC will serve as the honorary sponsor for the Co-occurring Disorder Training and Awards Ceremony on October 3, 2001.

Nancy said that the meeting of the Children and Family Commission focused on funding issues.

### III. MANAGER'S REPORT

Handouts included brochures from State DASA; 2000 Washington Survey of Adolescent Health Behavior, and Executive Summary of Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Program for 2001-2003.

#### A. Biennial Planning Process Update

Geoff explained that his purpose in distributing copies of draft Executive Summary of King County 2001-2003 Biennial Plan was to assist the board in their policy decision. He then walked them through the document. The content of the document includes: Purpose of the Biennial Plan (RCW 70.96A); Biennial planning process; Focus group results; County initiatives (CPI), the six Division initiatives, and the funding estimates and draft budget.

According to Geoff, specific funding or dollars amount for the 2001-2003 Biennial Plan would be discussed after mid-May.

Discussions followed on what tool to use to determine treatment outcomes. Geoff said that he is considering using the ASI tool. He is also in contact with other counties to find out what treatment outcome tool they use. Joan expressed reservations about the use of ASI as outcome tool due to high cost and time consuming process involved. This tool could be burdensome for agencies.

Joan said that the board should look at what our values are and to articulate the continuum of care. Geoff mentioned the need to team up with criminal justice working on the Adult Justice Operational Master Plan (AJOMP).

Joan recommended holding a special board meeting to discuss the policy issues before the board review and approve the draft Executive Summary. All board members present agreed. The special meeting will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 9:00 in the evening at the Dutch Shisler Sobering Center. Dinner will be served.

### IV. AGENCIES AND OTHER CONCERNS

Pat Knox of Recovery Centers of King County asked where to get funding for clients who are in methadone and moved to detox to get out of alcohol but still need to continue to take methadone. She also stated that Drug Court used to pay for detox. She asked if they could tap any criminal justice fund to be added with the dollars received from alcohol and substance abuse services.


Joan inquired how much is the total budget for alcohol and substance abuse services. Geoff responded that the total budget is \$32 million; while the State GIA is \$11 million.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested by:

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Recording Secretary

  
Jim Harbaugh  
Board Chairman

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